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SUMMARY: REPORTS INDICATE FNLA/UNITA CONTINUING TO MOVE
TOWARD LUANDA FROM SOUTH. INSTALLATION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT
COMPLETED. MPLA OFFICIALS ARE TAKING TOUGH LINE TOWARD FNLA/
UNITA, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. SAO TOME
OFFICIAL OFFERED MPLA USE OF AIRPORT. END SUMMARY.

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1. MILITARY: "A LUTA" (SOCIALIST) OF NOV 15 REPORTED THAT MPLA WAS PREPARING TO DEFEND LUANDA AGAINST "IMMINENT ATTACK," AND HAD SOVIET-MADE SAM-7 MISSILES FOR DEFENSE AGAINST EXPECTED AIR ATTACK. SAME REPORT SAID A 1500-MAN FNLA/UNITA FORCE WAS ABOUT TO DEPART PORTO AMBOIM IN THE DIRECTION OF BARRA DO CUANZA, JUST SOUTH OF LUANDA. "DIARIO POPULAR" (DP) (LEFTIST INDEPENDENT) REPORTED THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAD ARRIVED IN LUANDA FROM NOVO REDONDO, AND THAT NOVO REDONDO'S RADIO STATION WAS BROADCASTING FNLA/UNITA PROPAGANDA--FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT FNLA/UNITA HAD TAKEN THAT CITY. HOWEVER, MPLA COMMANDER JUJU INSISTED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, REPORTED BY COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" (DN) NOV 17, THAT NOVO REDONDO WAS STILL UNDER TOTAL MPLA CONTROL. "JORNAL NOVO" (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST) NOV 15 CARRIED ANOP/UPI REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN LUANDA, THAT FNLA/UNITA HAD TAKEN CAMBAMBE DAM (NEAR DONDO), WHICH SUPPLIES HYDROELECTRIC POWER TO LUANDA, AND ARE THUS IN POSITION TO CUT OFF LUANDA'S POWER. COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE LISBOA" (DL) OF NOV 15 CARRIED A REPORT DENYING THAT FNLA/UNITA HAD REACHED DONDO.

2. COMPOSITION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT: NOV 15 PRESS LISTED REMAINDER OF MPLA GOVERNMENT, IN ADDITION TO THOSE GIVEN REF A. FOUR ADDITIONAL MINISTERS ARE: EDUCATION AND CULTURE--ANTONIO JACINTO; HEALTH--MARIO AFONSO DO ALMEIDA; SOCIAL AFFAIRS--MARIA DA CONCEICAO VAHEKENI, PUBLIC WORKS. --UNDER PM NASCIMENTO. NOV 15 DN REPORTED PUBLIC WORKS WOULD ULTIMATELY GO TO ENG. RESENDE OLIVEIRA. DN ALSO LISTED SIX MPLA SECRETARIES OF STATE: COMMERCE--BERNARDO PITRA; AGRICULTURE--CARLOS FERNANDES; FISHERIES --JOSE VITOR DE CARVALHO FINANCE--SAYDI MINGAS; COMMUNICATIONS--ALBERTO BENTO RIVEIRO, ENERGY AND INDUSTRY--AUGUSTO LOPES TEIXEIRA.

3. BACKGROUND IN MPLA OFFICIALS: ACCORDING TO DP, ANTONIO JACINTO, WHOSE FULL NAME IS ANTONIO JACINTO DO AMARAL CABRAL, WAS FOUNDER, IN 1955, OF NOW-DEFUNCT COMMUNIST PARTY OF ANGOLA; HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MPLA SINCE 1950S; IS WHITE, AND A NATIVE OF LUANDA. DP DESCRIBES MARIO AFONSO DE ALMEIDA AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO HAS SERVED WITH MPLA FORCES IN THE FIELD; AND MARIA DA CONCEICAO VAHEKENI, THE ONLY WOMAN IN CABINET, AS A LONGTIME UNCLASSIFIED

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MPLA STALWART WHOSE BROTHER, JOAO MIGUEL VAHEKENI, WAS A UNITA MEMBER OF TRANSITIONAL GOVT. ACCORDING TO DL, SECRETARIES OF STATE, AS WELL AS MINISTERS OF LABOR AND HEALTH, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ANTICOLONIALISTS DEVOTED TO MPLA, CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A "GROUP OF INDEPENDENTS." DL DID NOT ELABORATE. PRESS REPORTS ON MPLA GOVT MADE NO MENTION OF MARIO DE ANDRADE OR ACTIVE REVOLT FACTION.

4. MPLA GOVT TAKES HARD LINE: AT CEREMONY NOV 14 FOR INSTALLATION OF GOVT, PM NASCIMENTO GAVE SPEECH, REPORTED IN LISBON PRESS NOV 15, WHICH EXPRESSED UNBENDING OPPOSITION TOWARD FNLA AND UNITA. SAID NASCIMENTO: "THE WAR OF RESISTANCE MAY LAST MANY MORE YEARS, OUR CITIES MAY BE DESTROYED, MANY OF OUR COMRADES ARE GOING TO DIE, BUT WE WILL NOT LET OURSELVES BE INTIMIDATED. TO REACTIONARY AND MERCENARY VIOLENCE, WE WILL RESPOND WITH IMPLACACABLE REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN ARMS." NASCIMENTO ALSO EMPHASIZED TASK OF ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION. MPLA PRESIDENT NETO, SPEAKING AT SAME CEREMONY, SAID HIS GOVT LOOKED FORWARD TO "BENEFICIAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" WITH PORTUGAL "DESPITE CURRENT AMBIGUITIES" OF PORTUGAL'S POLICY.

5. SAO TOME MINISTER OFFERS MPLA USE OF AIRPORT. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE NOV 14 IN LISBON SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE MINISTER OF HEALTH CARLOS GRACA STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT UNCONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED MPLA AND THEREFORE SAO TOME'S AIRPORT WAS AT MPLA'S DISPOSAL IF MPLA SHOULD EVER NEED IT (REF B).

6. ATTEMPTED SKYJACKING: ACCORDING TO LEFTIST INDEPENDENT "A CAPITAL" OF NOV 15, A JUMBO JET BOUND FROM LISBON TO LUANDA (DATE UNSPECIFIED) CARRYING MPLA OFFICIALS IKO CARREIRA AND PAULO JORGE AND GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE DELEGATIONS TO MPLA INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY SUFFERED ATTEMPTED HYJACKING "A CAPITAL" SAYS THAT HIJACKERS COMPRISED OF 16 INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN RECRUITED FROM AMONG ANGOLAN RETURNEES IN PORTUGAL. ATTEMPT FAILED AND PERPETRATORS NOW IN MPLA CUSTODY.
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